

Interview Summary	Application No. 09/169,439	Applicant(s)
	Examiner LAM	Group Art Unit 1641

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Ann Lam
 (2) Long Le
 Date of Interview May 28, 2003

(3) George Bardmesser
 (4) _____

Type: Telephonic Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No. If yes, brief description:
video was shown.

Agreement was reached. was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: _____

Identification of prior art discussed:

Patterson et al.

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant's representative emphasized that a surgeon would not use the prior art device in the ~~normal~~ heart because of the dimension and lack of flexibility required. Examiner emphasized that the prior art device is capable of performing the intended use claimed and discloses all the structural limitations claimed and thus meets the claims. Examiner suggests Applicant add structural limitations that would distinguish the claims over the prior art.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1. It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2. Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.